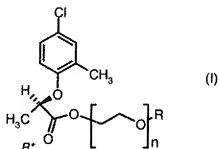


Amendments to the Claims:

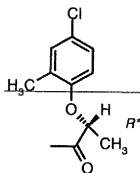
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Enantiomerically enriched R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-propionic acid polyethylene glycol esters of the general formula (I) and mixtures thereof,



where

R represents H or a radical of the formula



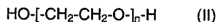
and

n represents an integer between 1 and 20 and

R* denotes the R configuration of the chiral carbon atom.

2. (Previously Presented) The enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters and mixtures thereof according to claim 1, wherein, in formula (I), n is an integer between 2 and 10.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) A method for the preparation of the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters and mixtures thereof according to claim 1, comprising:

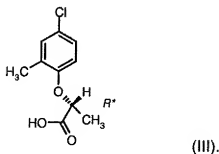
reacting with heating at least one polyethylene glycol of the general formula (II)



where

n represents a number between 1 and 20

with an enantiomerically enriched R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-propionic acid of the formula (III)

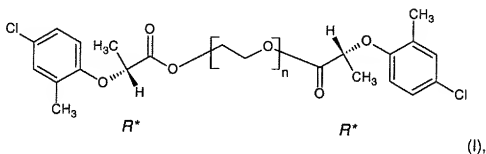


5. (Previously Presented) A process for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration therein and therethrough, comprising:

applying the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2 to said industrial materials.

6. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 5, wherein the industrial materials are buildings, building materials and building auxiliaries.
7. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising:
the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2; and
at least one solvent and/or diluent.
8. (Previously Presented) A method for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration therein and therethrough, comprising:
applying the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2 directly to the industrial materials.
9. (Previously Presented) An industrial material comprising the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2.
10. (Previously Presented) A process for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration therein and therethrough, comprising:
applying the composition according to claim 7 to said industrial materials.
11. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 4, further comprising performing the reacting step in the presence of one or more catalysts and wherein water formed from the reacting is distilled off.
12. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 7, further comprising:
processing auxiliaries, fillers and/or additives.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
 mixing the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2 with the industrial material.
14. (Previously Presented) A process for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
 mixing the composition according to claim 7 with said industrial materials.
15. (NEW) Enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol diesters of R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-propionic acid and mixtures thereof conforming structurally to the general formula (I),

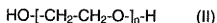


where

n represents an integer between 1 and 20 and

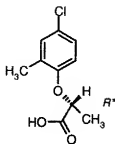
R^* denotes the R configuration of the chiral carbon atom.

16. (NEW) A method for the preparation of the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol diesters and mixtures thereof according to claim 1, comprising:
 reacting with heating at least one polyethylene glycol of the general formula (II)



where

n represents a number between 1 and 20
with enantiomerically enriched R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-propionic acid
of the formula (III)



(III).

17. (NEW) A composition comprising:
the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol diesters or mixtures thereof according to claim 15; and
at least one solvent and/or diluent.
18. (NEW) A method for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
applying the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol diesters or mixtures thereof according to claim 15 directly to the industrial materials.
19. (NEW) A method for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
mixing the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol diesters or mixtures thereof according to claim 15 with the industrial material.
20. (NEW) A process for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:

mixing the composition according to claim 17 with said industrial materials.